

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Girdletree Freight Station Inventory Number: WO-318

Address: Dukes Road City: Girdletree Zip Code: 21829

County: Worcester USGS Topographic Map: Girdletree

Owner: Girdletree Historical Foundation Inc.

Tax Parcel Number: 9 Tax Map Number: 79 Tax Account ID Number: 08 Act. 002924

Project: Rehabilitation Agency: USDA Rural Development

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ no ☒ yes Name of district: Girdletree

Is district listed? ☒ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☒ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number: WO-321

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review & Compliance Files & Survey Records

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*
From Paul Tourart's MIHP form-10/30/90

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Built around 1875, this gable roofed frame station is supported by a concrete block pier foundation, and the walls are sheathed with board-and-batten siding. The battens are molded. A medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Unusual to this station is the open southeast end.

The southwest Dukes Road elevation is an asymmetrical façade with the open platform end. The southeast end of the roof, sheltering the open platform is supported by square posts. Distinctive are the segmental arches cut out of the board and batten siding above head-height. Within the platform area, a diagonal board freight door allows access to the station. The northwest or opposite end of the building is marked by another freight door opening as well as a personnel door. The eaves to the building are extended and supported with simple stick brackets. The rafter feet are exposed.

The northeast side is detailed in a similar fashion with another freight door. Piercing the northwest gable end is a window opening that has been boarded over.

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Comments: _____

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Reviewer, NR program

Date

Date

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Continuation Sheet No. 1

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Due to the concrete block foundation supporting this structure, the building was evidently moved at some point from a site near where the passenger station formerly stood between Dukes and Onley roads.

Prepared by:

Paul Touart

Date Prepared: 10/30/90

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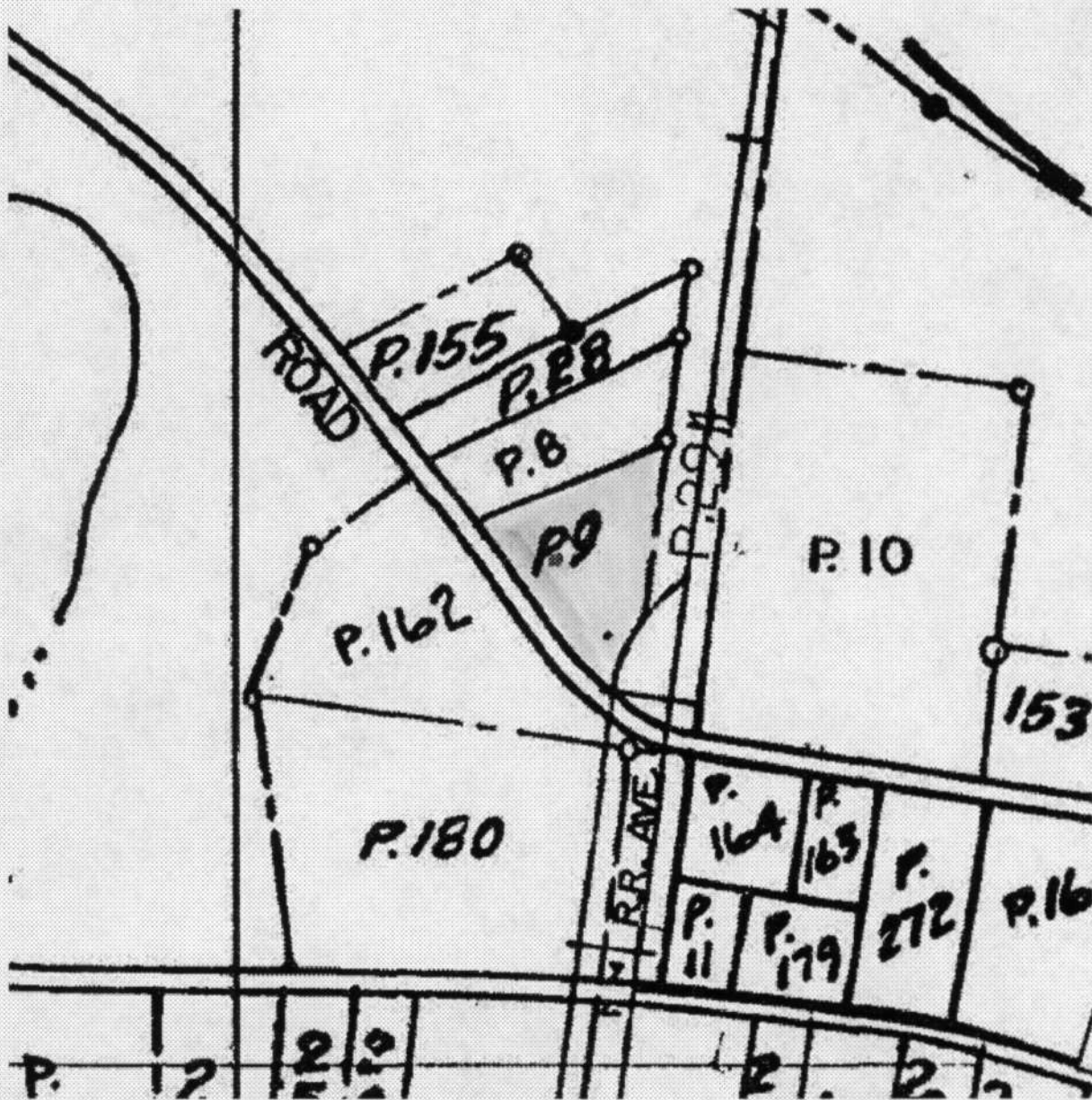
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Night Station

Girdletree, MD



WO-318
Allright Station

Girdletree, MD



WO-318
Freight Station

Gundlertree, MD



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Freight Station

Cirdle tree, MD

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Girdletree Freight Station
Girdletree
Private

c. 1876

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Now resting on a concrete block pier foundation, the freight station was moved from its original site near the passenger station which was moved as well. The track was taken up during the late 1940s.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: GIRDLERTREE FREIGHT STATION

MHT Inventory Number: WO-318

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURE

TRANSPORTATION

- 2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

INDUSTRIAL / URBAN DOMINANCE

- 4) Resource Type(s):

(1870 - 1930)

1. STANDING STRUCTURE

A. FREIGHT DEPOT

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common GIRDLETREE FREIGHT STATION

2. Location

street & number North side of Dukes Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Girdletree ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____ ?
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
 Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart Architectural Historian

organization Worcester County date 10/30/90

street & number Worcester County Courthouse telephone 301-632-1194

city or town Snow Hill state MD 21871

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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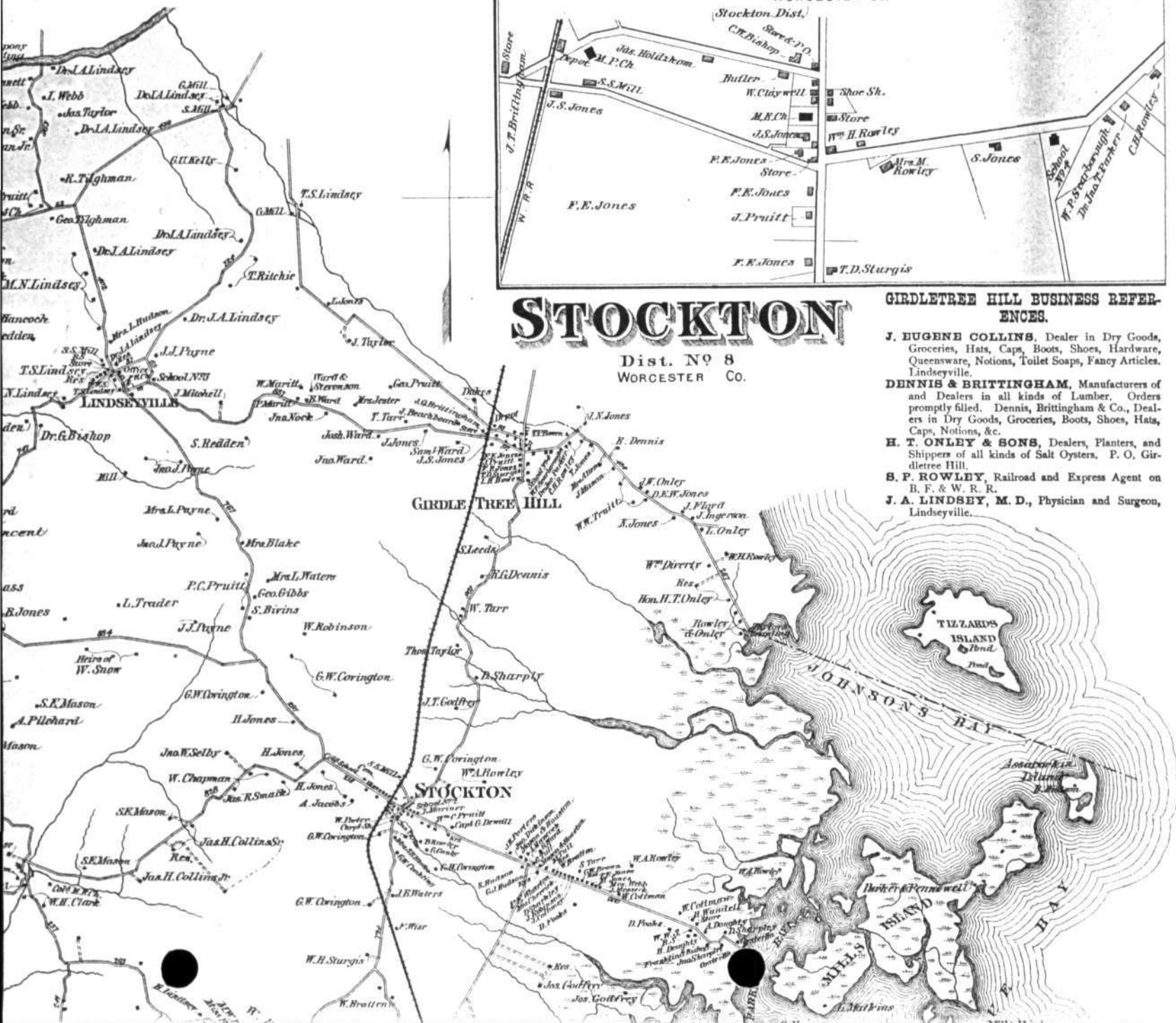


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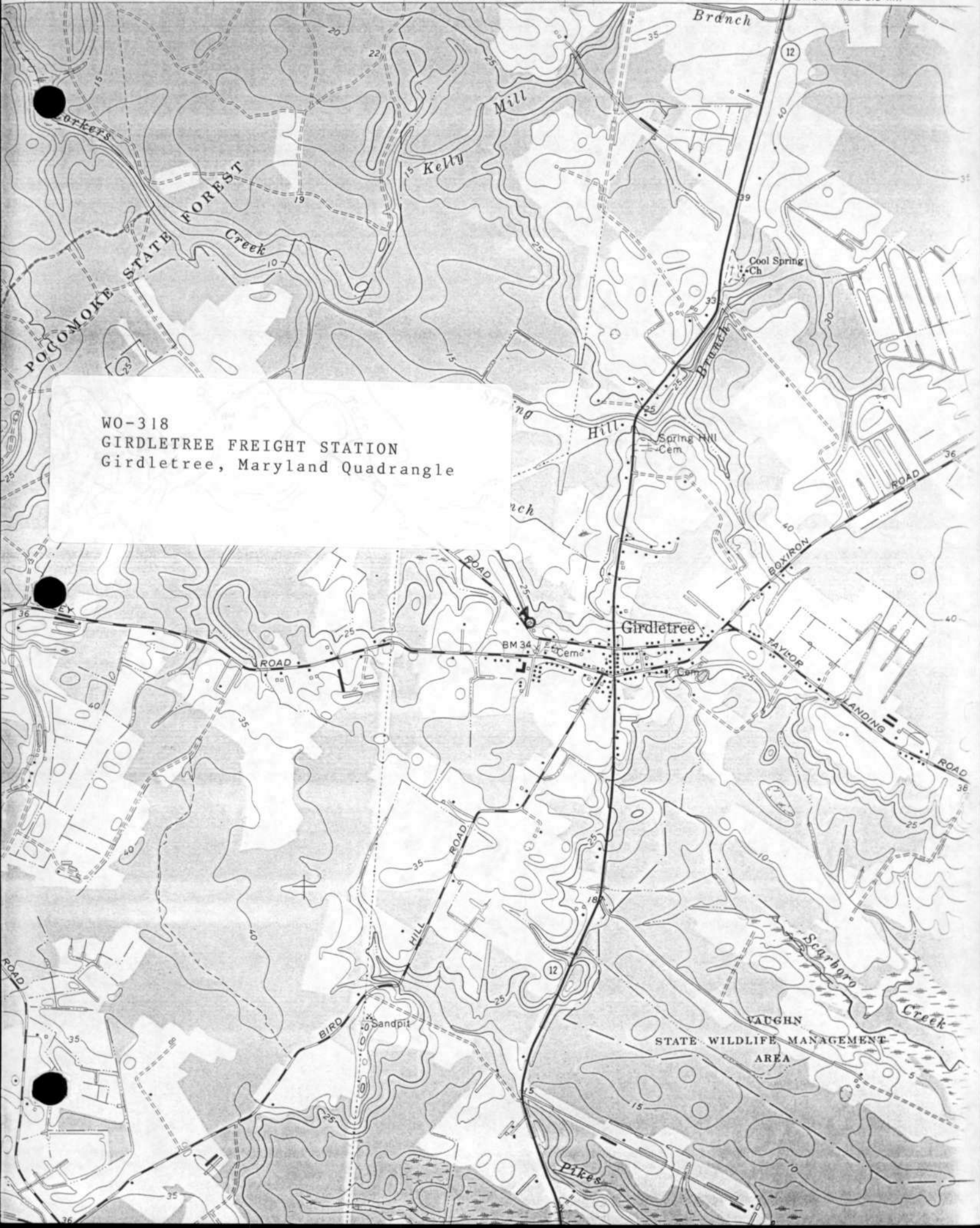
Dist. No 8
WORCESTER CO.

GIRDLE TREE HILL BUSINESS REFERENCES.

- J. EUGENE COLLINS**, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Notions, Toilet Soaps, Fancy Articles. Lindseyville.
- DENNIS & BRITTINGHAM**, Manufacturers of and Dealers in all kinds of Lumber. Orders promptly filled. Dennis, Brittingham & Co., Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Notions, &c.
- H. T. ONLEY & SONS**, Dealers, Planters, and Shippers of all kinds of Salt Oysters. P. O. Girdle Tree Hill.
- B. P. ROWLEY**, Railroad and Express Agent on B. F. & W. R. R.
- J. A. LINDSEY, M. D.**, Physician and Surgeon, Lindseyville.



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GIRDLETREE FREIGHT STATION
Girdletree, Maryland Quadrangle



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Girdletree Freight Station

Worcester County, MD

Nicole Diehlmann

6/2/04

MD SHPO

Looking East

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